

MINUTES - RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 31, 2015

Members present:

Jeff Phillips

Gloria McVey

Michael Chefalo

Frances Murphy

Meeting opened at 10:30 am

Topics Discussed:

- Request from River Rose – Docking at Main Street – May 30 – 12:30 – 5:30 – Approved
- Discussion followed regarding our current fees
 - \$2/ft on weekdays, \$3/ft on weekends; non-profits are allowed to dock for free
 - The village board coordinates fees but Rec committee can make recommendations
 - In the future, as multiple types of boats use our dock will there be a need for a Harbor Master? In the past we have had some issues with damage and items stolen from our dock. Will the Harbor Master be a paid position or volunteer? If we need a paid Harbor Master we will have to generate enough fees to cover this cost since it is not in our budget.
 - Rec would like village to consider changing docking fees. If fees go up after a boat has already been approved will they be grandfathered with old fee?
 - It was again mentioned that, if a boat comes in with a good number of people (e.g., 400) they will be making a good deal of money. Meanwhile, we are paid only \$450.
 - In case of River Rose, for example, they drop off and then come back to pick up 4 – 5 hours later. Do we want to consider charging a fee for us to keep dock vacant during this period?
- Gloria McVey asked if there is a preference regarding allowing a paid boat to dock instead of a non-profit. Jeff responded that we go strictly by the date of the request. Bruce reminded us that the calendar in Mary's office is helpful in these situations.
- Request from Knights of Columbus for Mayors' Park for October Fest – Sept 19 (12 – 7pm) & Sept 20 (12-5pm) – Approved
- Request from Church on the Hill for the Bandstand for concert for the Community – date unknown – We need more information.
- Request for Mayors' Park for "Get your Guts in Gear" – June 13 (10 am – 4:30 pm) & June 14 (9am – 12:30pm) – Bruce received an email but we did not get an application. Tentatively approved pending receipt of application.
- Request for use of foot of Main Street for Ice Carving in conjunction with Philipstown Rec Department. Approved pending comments from police
- Request from Clearwater (not for profit) for June 1 – June 7 (in & out). Since this is a not-for-profit boat this would be \$0 charge. However, they use our electricity and our bathrooms. If they paid regular fee we would make over \$1400 over course of week. Can we charge something? – Approved pending discussion to charge maintenance fee.

- Bruce: Any discussion re fees for docking should include a fee for use of electricity. We need electricity at dock to avoid having boats running extension cords to bandstand. Possible “swipe card” at a meter?
- Mary is working on a new Application to be used by Rec Dept. It will be in triplicate – one copy for Rec, one for Board and one for file
- Budget request for 2015 – 2016 has been received from Ellen. Due Feb 20. Balance on current budget - \$4600. We have until May 31 to use this money.
 - We can get tools so that we can do our own work. We have already approved purchase of aerator / seeder. We just need to buy them. We should also buy / pay for seed now while we have funding available. Then we will be ready to do work in fall.
 - We should add Electric Meter to budget – this will be capital improvement item.
 - Jeff will distribute budget prior to 2/20 for discussion
 - Lawn Care – balance for this year - \$600
 - Electricity – Tot Park & Mayors’ Park
 - Buy new lights for tree in McConville Park. Lights on that tree are old and some have grown into tree branches
 - Mayors’ Park
 - Pavilion – Temporary repair has been done to roof. We need full Roof. This should be added to Capital Improvement
 - Bathrooms – Materials are already there. Work needs to be done.
- TruGreen
 - Did they do work? They are supposed to check in at office before doing work at Tot park or mayors’ park. They do not do this.
 - Current Fertilizer Pricing
 - Riverfront - \$150 for 3 treatments - May, June/July, Sept
 - Mayors’ Park (Pavilion area) - \$450 for 3 treatments - May, June/July, Sept
 - Mayors’ Park (field area) - \$960 for 3 treatments - May, June/July, Sept
 - Question as to whether we can pay TruGreen up front to cover thru September. We will aerate in October
 - Jeff – Spring is on this year’s quote from TruGreen. Question as to whether or not it was on last year’s quote. Did we already pay for spring? Bruce will check with Ellen
 - Mike – we should advise TruGreen that we will aerate & over seed in October. Will they need to adjust their treatments?
- Discussion followed regarding applications for use of rec venues:
 - All applicants need to understand that regardless of the fact that they request same usage each year, we need a new application each year.
- Fjord Trail
 - Signage – Jonathan Nedelfield – VOX. Fjord Trail signs will all be same and will look like signs in Beacon.
 - There will be 3 types of signs
 - Those directed at motorists to point to parking
 - Gateway signs showing map of entire trail
 - Directional signs along the trail
 - Jeff - Signs will have to go through HDRB

- We need signs on fence advising that Parking is reserved for those using Mayor's Park
- Suggestion that east side of Fair Street should be cleared back for parking
- Bruce –
 - Will there be bathrooms along the Trail or will they use Mayors' Park bathrooms?
 - Who will be responsible for garbage on trail?
 - Will we be able to collect fees to cover these expenses?
- When is work scheduled to begin on Fjord Trail? Jeff has not heard much feedback from Philipstown regarding actual start date. Was scheduled for Spring but we cannot interfere with baseball season.
- Will we be asked to contribute to work on Fjord Trail – e.g. can our highway crew take down fence
- Jeff – will get in touch with Haldane, Pop Warner, etc. advising them that we will be working on Mayors' field in October. They will need to find another place if they have games. Will also ask if they can contribute to the project.
- Further discussions:
 - Re roof on pavilion at Mayors' Park – we need to get estimate. Jeff will call his union hall to ask if they can use this project for training.
 - Can we get surveillance cameras
 - Tot's Park –
 - Can village get grant to cover cost of putting sidewalks all around. We can move in on Northern Ave and add some angle parking (while preserving trees)
 - We also want to pave area from High Street to Tot Park (This is a Priority)
- Dockside Property
 - Currently we maintain it and have a lot of stipulations
 - We don't want it unless we own it. Our manpower and equipment shouldn't be used unless we get some benefit.
 - This is coming up before the board for discussion
- Mayor wants Rec committee to make decision on vacant 7th member
- Rec web site needs to be updated – add pictures, forms, directions, etc. Mike will look into this.

Jeff – motion to adjourn. Fran seconded. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Murphy